

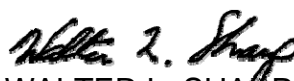


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### Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) Utility Survey

1. The Annual Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) Utility Survey for Korea will run from 1 December 2008 to 16 January 2009.
2. Annually, the Per Diem Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee (PDTATAC) conducts a survey to collect utility and recurring maintenance expense data from Service members who receive OHA. This data is used to compute OHA Utility and Recurring Maintenance Allowances for Service members worldwide.
3. All Service members in Korea who reside off-post and receive OHA may access the survey on 1 December at <https://www.perdiem.osd.mil/oha/survey/novoha.html> or at <http://175fmc.korea.army.mil/>. The 175<sup>th</sup> FMC website has a sample survey.
4. To complete the survey, respondents should review bills of their utility and maintenance expenses for the last twelve months. A monthly average for each expense will be required. Respondents whose utilities are included in their rent are not required to report the actual monthly average of utility bills because a monthly flat rate utility supplement is already included in their OHA.
5. OHA utility allowance is a valuable entitlement for Service members stationed overseas. The time spent answering the survey questions enable the DoD to set equitable OHA utility rates. Leaders must continue to emphasize the importance of this survey throughout their organizations, which is critical to help ensure that our Service members continue to get the OHA they need and deserve. I applaud your efforts to ensure that this allowance accurately reflects today's overseas living environment.

We Go Together!

  
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